

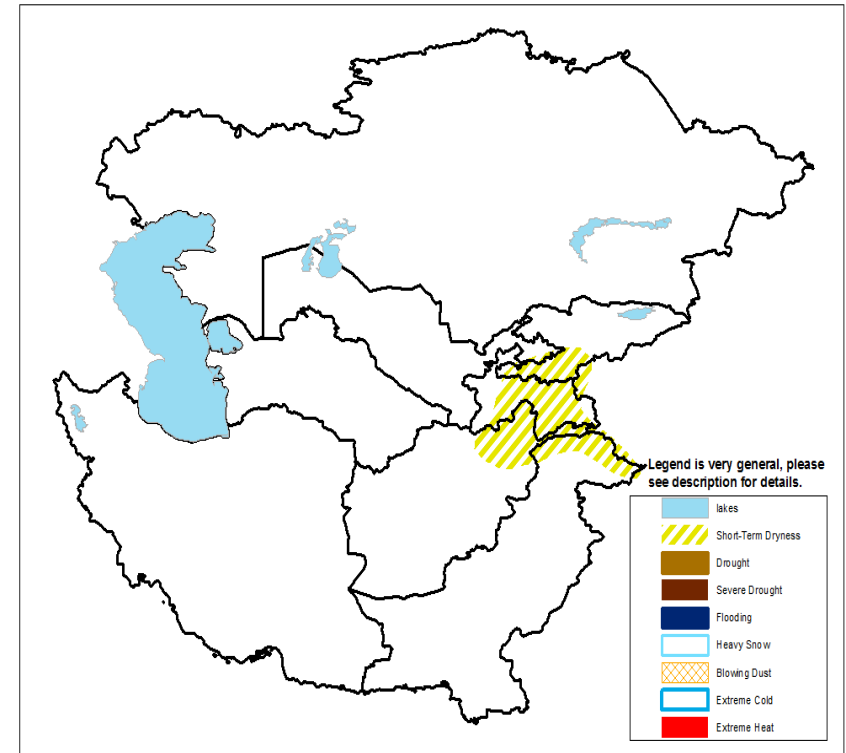
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 6 - 12, 2013

Temperatures:

During the past week, above-average temperature prevailed across much of Central Asia, with the largest positive anomalies across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, southern Kazakhstan, and much of Afghanistan. Near to above average temperatures are expected to continue for most of Central Asia. Minimum temperatures below -30 degrees C are forecast across the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan.

Precipitation

A strong winter storm brought widespread precipitation (10 to 45 mm, liquid equivalent) to southern Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and parts of Afghanistan. Below-average precipitation continues to affect eastern Tajikistan and northeast Afghanistan where snow-water equivalent values remain low for this time of year. Drier weather is forecast to return for much of Central Asia, but locally heavy snow may affect northern Pakistan at the beginning of the period.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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